

CHAPTER 2**DRESS RULES AND GROOMING INSTRUCTIONS****Introduction**

1. This chapter prescribes dress rules and grooming instructions for all members of the Permanent Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Australian Air Force Cadets (where applicable).

GENERAL**Personal Deportment**

2. At all times, individuals wearing the RAAF uniform should be mindful that they are representing an organisation with a distinguished record of service to the Nation. Accordingly, their appearance, bearing and behaviour must be of the highest standard. Practices such as drinking, eating or smoking in inappropriate places or standing or walking with hands in pockets are all unacceptable.

Appearance

3. Members are to ensure that they are correctly dressed and well groomed at all times when on duty or in uniform. A smart appearance engenders self-confidence and promotes a positive public image. Uniforms must always be in good repair, neat, clean and well pressed. Shoes are to be in a clean and polished state at all times and kept in a serviceable condition. Similarly, ribbons of orders, decorations and medals, to which a member is entitled to wear and other embellishments are to be clean, neat and tidy, and are to be worn in the correct order of precedence.

Supervision of Dress and Bearing

4. It is the responsibility of all officers, WOFFs, SNCOs and NCOs to check the dress and bearing of not only subordinates in their chain of command, but also, when necessary, of any person of more junior rank. Prompt and appropriate remedial action is to be taken in relation to any infraction of regulations relating to dress, bearing and general military behaviour.

HEADRESS

5. Head-dress is an integral part of the RAAF uniform and as such is to be worn in most outdoor and many indoor environments. The practice of carrying headwear, rather than wearing it, to avoid paying appropriate compliments, is one that is not to be condoned by commanders and supervisors. Headwear is to be worn in accordance with the following provisions.

General

6. With the exception of the garrison cap, all headdress is to be worn straight on the head. Hair is not to be visible on the forehead.

Garrison Cap

7. Members are to wear the garrison cap tilted to the right, with the lower edge of the cap not less than 2.5 cm above the right eyebrow. The centre of the cap is to be in line with the bridge of the nose. The garrison cap should fit snugly on the head without distortion of any kind nor separation of the centre vent. When not worn, the cap may be held in the SD belt. The cap is not to be carried under the epaulette of the shirt or utility jacket. Members in flying dress may carry the cap in an appropriate pocket, when the item is not being worn.

Hat Fur Felt Khaki

8. Members are to wear the hat fur felt khaki with the brim turned down. If the chinstrap is worn, it is to be positioned beneath the point of the chin, with the buckle of the strap on the left cheek, in line with the mouth. At other times the chinstrap is to be stowed in the hat. The hat is worn with the RAAF standard 'bash', ie shaped fore

and aft. This item may be worn with all forms of Service Dress, Working Dress, DPCU and Tropical Dress. Although primarily for wear in a tropical environment, the hat may be worn in other areas when sun protection is required. The applicable SD cap badge is to be worn with the hat.

Squadron/Unit Cap

9. Squadron/ unit caps may be worn with certain forms of working and flying dress when members are carrying out duties associated with their squadron/unit, **however, members proceeding on attachment for courses not directly associated with squadron/unit duties are not to wear squadron/unit caps.** Squadron/Unit Caps are permitted to be worn with DPCU on authorised deployments as a Squadron or Unit. Prior approval for the cap's design is to be obtained from DCOORD-AF. Procedures for obtaining this approval are given in Chapter 5. Additionally, the cap may be worn in public and to and from duty, providing the conditions laid down in Chapter 1 paragraph 25 are met.

GUIDELINES ON WEARING HEADWEAR

Indoors in Service Establishments

10. A member is generally not required to wear headdress indoors in his/her own working area, or in those areas set out in local orders where headwear is not to be worn for operational reasons. However, headdress is to be worn, not carried, when moving to and from such areas. Equally, in places designated non-saluting zones, headwear is still to be worn, if appropriate. Headwear is to be worn indoors in Service establishments on the following occasions:

- a. when a member of an inspecting party;
- b. when receiving an inspecting party;
- c. when moving from a member's own working area to another, such as when visiting the unit headquarters or the orderly room; and
- d. on those occasions when compliments are to be paid or are expected to be received in accordance with Service customs or disciplinary procedures, regardless of the area.

Indoors at Religious Services

11. Members in uniform are to wear or remove headdress at religious services in accordance with religious custom. Normally headdress is not worn by members in uniform inside places of worship.

Indoors in Public Places

12. Headdress is not normally worn indoors in public places. Members wearing headdress in public places are to pay compliments in the usual fashion.

Outdoors

13. Except when local or technical orders direct otherwise, a member in uniform is to wear headdress while outdoors and is to pay compliments in accordance with Service custom.

Service Vehicles

14. A driver of a Service vehicle is not required to wear headdress, except when ordered by local commanders for ceremonial purposes. This regulation also applies to passengers in Service vehicles.

Private Vehicles and Public Transport

15. Drivers and passengers in a private vehicle are not required to wear headdress. A member is not required to wear headdress whilst travelling inside any form of public transport.

Members in Uniform Riding Bicycles

16. Members riding a bicycle in uniform are to wear an approved safety helmet. Once the rider has dismounted from the bicycle, appropriate RAAF headdress is to be worn.

Members in Uniform Riding Motor Cycles

17. A member riding a motor cycle when in uniform must wear an approved safety helmet. On alighting from the motor cycle, the rider is to remove any safety clothing and helmet and appropriate RAAF headdress is to be worn.

PERSONAL ADORNMENTS AND JEWELLERY

18. When wearing uniform, personnel are to ensure that personal effects such as wallets, pens, glasses cases, combs, cigarettes, keys or similar objects are not visible, nor appear unduly bulky when carried in pockets. Pens and pencils are not to be exposed except in the holders of uniform sweaters and flying clothing. Mobile telephones, pagers and glass cases are not worn whilst on Parade, but may be worn on the SD belt for general duties, providing they do not represent a safety hazard and providing they are of a subdued colour and design. Versions of these items in garish or ultra-modern styles are not permitted to be worn with the RAAF uniform.

Ceremonial Parades

19. On ceremonial parades, the officer responsible for mounting the parade may direct that participants remove items such as cuff links, watches and name tags in order to achieve a required level of uniformity.

Body Piercing Jewellery and Tattoos

20. When in uniform or on duty, RAAF personnel are not permitted to wear Body Piercing Jewellery (visible or not) such as, but not limited to, nose, ear and tongue studs and eyebrow, navel and nipple rings, this also includes the placement or affixing of ornaments on the enamel of teeth. Female members may wear plain ear studs, either gold or silver in colour, of 4 mm or less in diameter (one in each ear lobe) or plain sleepers, either gold or silver colour, of 1 cm diameter (one in each ear lobe). To be designated a sleeper, the ring must be able to rotate fully through the hole in each ear lobe. The Air Force policy in relation to tattoos is set out in **DI(AF)PERS 29-32**. This policy applies to serving members as well as candidates for entry. In essence, tattoos which by their nature or because of their location may cause offence or invite provocation, are not permitted.

Necklets and Chains

21. Necklets and chains are not permitted when in uniform or on duty.

RAAF Identity Discs and Medicalert Tags and Discs

22. RAAF identity discs and Medicalert discs may be worn on a plain chain provided that neither the chain nor the disc is visible. 'Medicalert' - 'Medalart' or other similar bracelets may be worn, with the approval of a RAAF medical officer, on the opposite wrist to the wrist watch.

Rings

23. Members may wear a maximum of four rings on no more than two of the eight fingers. Such rings are to be of subdued appearance and design and of moderate size.

Watches/Cufflinks

24. Wrist watches of subdued colour and practical design may be worn when in uniform or on duty, except when safety, operational or ceremonial factors dictate otherwise. Members may wear cufflinks of plain or suitable military design with uniform.

Charity Badges Etc

25. Members may wear on their uniform, badges, tiepins, poppies etc sold by recognised charitable institutions

such as Legacy and the RSL. Such items are only to be worn on the designated memorial day. The charity badge is to be positioned on the lower left pocket flap or if in the form of a flower, the stem is to be placed through the button hole of the left pocket flap. Such items are to be removed if a member is required to participate in ceremonial or representative activities, unless the items are an integral part of the event, eg rosemary sprigs on ANZAC Day.

COMBINED WORKING DRESS

26. Combined Working Dress (CWD), Dress No 7, is the uniform normally worn by RAAF personnel when engaged in outdoor activities such as weapons training and local fieldcraft exercises or when employed on duties of a physical or strenuous nature, in lieu of SD Uniforms in the working environment and when travelling to and from the place of duty.

27. DPCU and CWD trousers are to be worn bloused over the tops of GP boots.

28. CWD trousers/slacks are to be worn in a similar manner to SD trousers/slacks, except when GP boots are worn (refer paragraph 27). The belt is to be worn with the buckle at centre front, with the flap facing to the left of the wearer and protruding 20mm past the first belt loop.

29. With CWD shirts, both long and short sleeve, are to be worn with the top button of the shirt undone and are to be ironed as detailed in paragraph 45. Rank is to be displayed on CWD shoulder slides.

Badges for Wear on CWD

30. Service badges (including flying badges), medal ribbons, metal or plastic name badges, and cuff links are not to be worn with CWD. The following badges/patches (refer paragraphs 38-40) are to be worn on CWD shirts:

- a. cloth name tags positioned immediately above the right breast pocket;
- b. the 'Air Force' cloth name tag positioned immediately above the left breast pocket; and
- c. the RAAF Ensign patch positioned on the upper left sleeve.

31. The following badges may be worn on CWD shirts:

- a. the official unit badge patch positioned above the name tag;
- b. the **approved** unit logo patch positioned on the upper right sleeve; and
- c. the Australian National Flag on overseas deployments, positioned as per the RAAF Ensign patch in sub paragraph c above.

CWD Shorts

32. CWD shorts may be worn with:

- a. Blue Grey/Air Force Blue Sweaters
- b. the short sleeve CWD shirt,
- c. safety shoes/boots,
- d. black SD shoes, and
- e. short woollen Air Force black socks by male and female members.

DISRUPTIVE PATTERN COMBAT UNIFORM

33. Disruptive Pattern Combat Uniform (DPCU) is the approved field dress for RAAF personnel participating in:
- a. deployments to operational areas,
 - b. exercises where deployed operational conditions are simulated,
 - c. major exercises where deployed operational conditions are simulated and DPCU is ordered as the prescribed form of dress, and
 - d. training courses and other activities where deployed operational conditions are simulated
34. DPCU is primarily field dress and is not to be regarded as an alternative to CWD, SD and various types of RAAF working dress for the performance of normal duties. DPCU when worn on base or to and from duty may be lightly pressed to remove wrinkles. No creases are to be ironed into the garments and under no circumstances are DPCU garments to be starched
35. At training units, staff and trainees may wear DPCU if part of their daily routine involves activities of a strenuous or outdoor nature, **if CWD is not appropriate**. Additionally, initial trainees who have not been fully kitted may wear DPCU, if CWD is not available, until they have been supplied with the appropriate uniforms. The wearing of DPCU as a standard form of dress for staff at training units is not permitted.
36. Personnel in those musters, for which DPCU is the approved form of working dress, should wear this uniform **only when performing their primary field related duties or participating in the activities listed at paragraph 33**.

Brevets

37. Brevets may be worn on DPCU by aircrew in an operational environment when a specific requirement for aircrew identification exists. The wearing of these brevets is to be authorised by the relevant FEG commander. DPCU brevets are not to be worn by personnel taking part in routine exercises and training activities.

NAME BADGES, TAGS AND PATCHES

RAAF or Unit Official Name Badges

38. Approved metal nametags may be worn as an optional item with the SD and Tropical uniform when these are worn as working dress. However, when uniformity of appearance is required for ceremonial purposes etc, commanders may require personnel to wear the official RAAF silver name badge with blue lettering. The bottom edge of the name badge is to be positioned immediately above and in line with the top seam of the right breast pocket. Individual unit/squadron type name badges are to be rectangular in shape, with a maximum size of 75 mm x 20 mm. The purchase of individual name badges is at the member's own expense. All badge designs are to be submitted to the appropriate OC/CO for approval. Multi-coloured or outlandish designs, or offensive wording is not permitted. A member's rank, first name or initials may be included in addition to the surname on squadron name badges

Cloth Name Tags

39. Cloth nametags, 13 mm in size, are to be worn on CWD, DPCU and overalls. The patch worn on CWD and overalls is to be of a blue/grey cloth background with the member's surname shown in white embroidered capital letters. The DPCU name tag is to have a disruptive pattern background, with the name embroidered in black capital letters. The name tag is to be worn centrally and immediately above the right breast pocket, on the same angle as the pocket. RAAF chaplains may wear a cloth insignia with the word 'Chaplain' above the name tag on the DPCU. The flying suit and jacket name badges are to be of an approved background colour, with the name embroidered in black capital letters, 13 mm in size.

Air Force Name Badges

40. The cloth 'Air Force' tag, 13 mm in size, is to be worn on CWD, DPCU and overalls. The tag worn on CWD and overalls is to be of a blue/grey background, with the words 'Air Force' embroidered in white capital letters. When worn on DPCU, the background of the tag is to be of disruptive pattern cloth with 'Air Force' embroidered in black capital letters. The tag is to be worn centrally and immediately above the left breast pocket, on the same angle as the pocket.

Position of Badges and Patches

41. **Air Force Patch.** The Air Force Patch is worn on all SD shirts, jumpers (including DPCU), Tropical Dress and utility jackets. With the exception of the SD Shirt the Air Force Patch is positioned 2 cm below the shoulder seam of the left sleeve to the top of the patch. On SD shirts it is to be positioned 1cm below the shoulder seam of the left sleeve. The Air Force Patch is to be worn on the Combat Jacket and is to be velcro backed and placed on the velcro patch currently affixed to the Combat Jacket left sleeve. Air Force Staff Cadets at the Royal Military College are to wear the following forms of Air Force Patch on prescribed uniforms:

- a. Blue Patrol Jacket – dark blue badge
- b. White Patrol Jackets – white badge with dark blue lettering
- c. Polyester shirts and khaki outer garments – Khaki Badge, and
- d. DPCU garment – DPCU Badge.

42. Detailed diagrams setting out the positions of badges, patches, tags, commendations etc on Long Sleeve and Short Sleeve Blue White Shirts, plus various other garments are set out at annexes A to H to this chapter.

SHIRTS AND TIES

43. The long-sleeve shirt is to be worn with a tie and the short-sleeve shirt is to be worn without a tie, with the top button undone. However, members may wear a short-sleeve shirt with a tie under tunics, sweaters and utility jackets. The long-sleeve shirt may be worn without a tie under the sweater. Rank is to be displayed on Air Force blue shoulder slides.

44. The sleeves of the long-sleeve blue-white shirts are to be worn fastened at the wrist. The correct length of the sleeve is to the lower crease of the wrist. When a tunic is worn, the cuff of the shirt is to be visible by no more than 1 cm. Rank is to be displayed on Air Force blue shoulder slides.

45. Shirts are to be ironed so that the crease in the sleeve follows the natural cut of the garment and falls from the shoulder down the outer centre of the sleeve opposite the inside seam. The ironing of creases into the front and back of the shirt is not permitted.

46. Ties are to be tied with a small, neat 'Windsor knot'. Pre-knotted ties may also be worn. The tip of the tie should be positioned immediately above the belt buckle.

SHORTS AND LONG SOCKS

47. With Tropical Dress (TD) shorts, the finished length of the leg is to be approximately 14 cm from the crease at the back of the knee.

48. Long khaki socks must be worn with TD shorts, with the socks pulled up on the legs at all times. The socks are to be folded down at the top, with both heights even and the top of the socks approximately 2 cm below the crease at the back of the knee.

FEMALE DRESS ITEMS**Cardigan**

49. A tie may be worn with the shirt under a cardigan. If a tie is not worn, the top button of the shirt is to be undone and the collar turned out at all times. Rank is to be displayed on Air Force blue shoulder slides. Service badges (including flying badges), medal ribbons and name badges are not to be worn on the cardigan. The cardigan is to be worn fully buttoned up at all times.

Court Shoes

50. The basic specifications for the court shoe are:

- a. manufactured from leather,
- b. black, rounded toe, plain in style and finish,
- c. heel height between 3 and 7 cms, and
- d. heel length (base of heel from rear edge to inner straight edge) between 2 and 5 cms.

Shoes purchased from non-RAAF sources are to comply with the above standards.

Female Blue/White Dress

51. Dresses are to be ironed so that the crease in the sleeve follows the natural cut of the garment and falls from the shoulder down the outer centre of the sleeve opposite the inside seam. The ironing of creases into the front and back of the dress is not permitted.

52. The hemline of the blue-white dress is not to be lower than 6 cm below, or higher than the crease at the back of the knee when standing.

Skirt

53. The hemline of the SD skirt is not to be lower than 6 cm below, or higher than the crease at the back of the knee when standing.

Handbags

54. Handbags of a plain design, average size and black in colour may be worn or carried by female members when wearing any version of SD uniform. They are to be carried/worn either in the left hand, on the left forearm or on the left shoulder with the strap extended. Handbags are not to be taken on parade.

Slacks/Trousers

55. Slacks/Trousers may be worn as an alternative to the skirt as part of normal working uniform.

Stockings, Pantihose and Socks

56. Females are to wear stockings or pantihose 'Kolotex Nearly Black' in Air Force blue uniforms and 'Mini Beige' with the Blue/White Dress and Health Services White Dress. The wearing of stockings, with appropriate uniform, by female members is optional in tropical areas only and the wearing of 'stockettes' is also permitted. Females may also wear Air Force black socks when appropriate. White ankle socks are to be worn with Tropical Dress only. Additional guidance on the wearing of stockings panithose and socks is located in Appendix 1 to Annex A to Chapter 1 – Optional items of Dress Female.

GENERAL ITEMS OF DRESS

Chaplain Clerical Collar

57. A chaplain may wear an appropriate clerical collar and attached black stock under the SD tunic or utility jacket on appropriate ecclesiastical occasions.

Cummerbunds and Bow Ties (Mess Dress)

58. Only official, Service issue cummerbunds and bow ties are to be worn with Mess Dress. Unit badges and logos may be sewn on the reverse side of cummerbunds but may only be displayed, with PMC's/CMC's approval, when the circumstances are appropriate. At dining-in nights, such badges may not be displayed until after the loyal toast.

Footwear

59. Footwear is to conform to the approved RAAF pattern and kept polished and in good repair. Laces are to be bar-laced straight across the eyelets on service dress shoes. All other footwear is to be laced appropriately to suit shoe style. (ie. Black Boots GP –bar-laced, Brown Boots GP cross-laced, Terra Combat Boots cross-laced). The correct method of cross lacing is as follows:

- a. The initial lace is to be horizontal across the inside of the footwear through the lowest eyelets on each side of the boot/shoe. This instruction overrides any manufacturer's direction;
- b. Subsequent laces are to continue diagonally, upwards through all eyelets, to the top of the boot/shoe; and
- c. Laces are tied neatly at the top of the boot/shoe after laces have been passed through all eyelets.

Glasses and Sunglasses

60. Glasses and sunglasses, when worn with uniform, are to be conservative in design and colour and lenses are not be reflective in nature. Wrap around design glasses/sunglasses for OH&S protection purposes are authorised for wear providing they are conservative in design and colour. Prescription glasses and sunglasses may be worn by RAAF personnel at any time as long as they are of a conservative colour and design. Sunglasses not obtained by prescription are not to be worn on unit or ceremonial parades. Glasses and sunglasses are not to be worn on the top of heads and caps or hung from the uniform.

61. Black spectacle cords may be worn on glasses or sunglasses by members in uniform, in the working environment and in tarmac areas where the dislodgment of spectacles may present a FOD hazard.

Gloves (Working/Ceremonial Dress and White Ceremonial)

62. **Working Dress.** During cold weather, RAAF issue, plain, black knitted gloves may be worn by all ranks with any form of working dress, except when a shirt is worn as an outer garment. Black leather gloves are also permitted to be worn.

63. **Ceremonial Dress.** Black knitted gloves are not to be worn on ceremonial occasions such as parades and funerals. However, in the case of RAAF ceremonial parades held outdoors in *extremely* cold weather, the officer responsible for mounting the parade may permit the wearing of these items by participants. This concession does not apply to Tri-Service events.

64. **White Ceremonial Gloves.** Colour Bearers, Colour Warrant Officers, Colour Escorts and Colour Orderlies are to wear white cotton gloves (provided by the unit) on all ceremonial occasions, regardless of the parade dress being ordered.

Flying Jackets

65. Leather and Goretex flying jackets are an element of Flying Dress No 15 and as such are only to be worn with other flying garments by members engaged on aircrew duties. They are not to be worn as part of the SD uniform,

except by 34 SQN aircrew who are permitted to wear the Flying Jacket leather as an outer garment in SD Uniform for all duties associated with flying. This provision extends to travelling to and from accommodation, both at home and whilst on task, it also includes meeting VIPs etc prior to boarding. Flying Jackets are to be worn fully zipped up at all times.

Overalls

66. Personal issue/public clothing (Air Force blue) overalls are for on-base wear only and are not to be worn when travelling to and from duty or in public (unless ordered for a specific occasion). Cloth nametags showing the wearer's surname and a cloth 'Air Force' patch is to be worn (refer paragraphs 38 to 42 for conditions governing cloth name badges and patches). Silver/blue rank insignia is worn on both sleeves.

Overcoats and Raincoats

67. Raincoats and overcoats may only be worn on parade if approval has been given by the appointment responsible for mounting the parade. Whenever worn, both the overcoat and raincoat are to have all buttons, except the top collar button, fastened. Females are to ensure that the hemline of the coat is longer than the skirt/dress being worn. Raincoats and overcoats may only be worn with Air Force Blue garments and CWD.

68. Rank insignia is to be displayed on shoulder slides of overcoats. Rank is not to be worn on the raincoat.

Sports Bags, Knapsacks, Kit Bags Etc

69. Members may carry backpacks, sports bags and similar items to and from duty. Such accoutrements should be of subdued colour and design. When a bag is carried, it is to be transferred to the left hand when compliments need to be paid. When a bag is worn, it is to be worn correctly with both straps (if fitted) over the shoulders.

Sports Attire

70. When uniformity of dress among competitors and spectators is appropriate at Service sporting events, the officer hosting the event may issue instructions as to the type of uniform or sports attire to be worn.

Sweaters

71. The sweater may only be worn over a shirt and with SD or CWD trousers, shorts/slacks or SD or CWD skirt. The sweater may also be worn with the SD Dress blue/white.

72. A tie may be worn with the shirt under a sweater. If a tie is not worn, the top button of the shirt is to be undone and the shirt collar turned out over the neck of the sweater.

73. The cuffs of the sweater are to be turned back approximately 7 cm at the wrist and the waist band is to be hidden by the body of the sweater by being bloused down over the band. The waist band and fold must cover the belt of the trouser/slacks or skirt.

74. Rank is to be displayed on Air Force blue shoulder slides. Service badges (including flying badges), medal ribbons and name badges are not to be worn on the sweater. Members whilst posted to recruiting duties may wear name badges on the sweater.

Trousers/Slacks/Belt

75. Service Dress (SD) trousers and slacks are to be worn with the cuffs sitting neatly on the shoes, without the trousers folding at the ankle or the socks being exposed when the wearer is standing.

76. The belt is to be worn with the belt buckle at the centre front, with the flap facing to the left of the wearer and protruding 20mm past the first belt loop.

Umbrellas

77. During inclement weather, a conservative-style plain black or dark blue umbrella may be carried.

Underwear

78. All members are to ensure that underwear (ie, singlets, T-shirts, undershirts, underpants, slips or petticoats) is not visible when in uniform. Exceptions to this requirement are as follows:

- a. the shirt utility Air Force blue (tee-shirt) may show under the CWD shirt (long or short sleeve) at the neck;
- b. the DPCU/brown tee-shirt may show under the DPCU shirt, at the neck;
- c. approved unit tee shirts may be visible when worn with CWD and flying clothing; and
- d. the khaki polo necked skivvy may be visible when it is worn fully zipped up and the neck turned down.

Utility Jackets

79. The utility jacket may be worn with SD uniforms. It is to be worn fully zippered at all times. Rank is to be displayed on Air Force blue shoulder slides. The cloth embroidered flying badge, ORB and MSI Badge are to be worn if entitled. The tie is to be worn at all times with the utility jacket. Ribbons of orders, decorations and medals, commendations and citations if entitled are to be worn.

RAAF Security Police Utility Belt

80. The approved style of utility belt is only to be worn with Combined Working Dress or DPCU. The utility belt is not to be worn with Service Dress or Tropical Dress unless local conditions dictate its wear ie VIP Protection etc.

DRESS RULES AND GROOMING INSTRUCTIONS

Hair Length General

81. The guidelines contained in this Instruction on hair style and length are based on a number of important factors. Firstly, the traditional and well-founded requirement for members of a military organisation to present themselves in a neat and well groomed manner. Secondly, the need for personnel to conform to the RAAF's operational, safety and hygiene requirements. Finally, in the case of aircrew, the paramount importance of observing those grooming instructions, relating to flying safety, is contained in DI(AF) OPS 6-16.

Males

82. *Hair.* Hair is to be kept neatly trimmed and in a conservative style which does not interfere with the correct wearing of Service head-dress. The hair is to be gradually tapered to the neckline and is not to cover, touch or overhang the ears or collar. Stepped hair styles are not permitted. Only natural tones of artificial hair colours are permitted, streaking is allowed. The acceptability of hair styles is to be based on neatness, cleanliness and general appearance when wearing uniform.

83. *Wigs and Hair Pieces.* Wigs and hair pieces are not to be worn, except when approved for medical reasons or when used to cover baldness or disfigurements. When worn, wigs and hair pieces are to comply with the requirements of this paragraph and local safety orders and instructions.

84. *Sideburns.* Sideburns are not to extend below the level where the ear lobe joins the head. They are to be neatly trimmed and of the same width throughout their length. Bushy sideburns are not to be grown.

85. *Moustaches.* A moustache is to cover the entire top lip and is to be kept neatly trimmed. The moustache is not to extend below the upper lip. As a rule, the face is to be shaven daily prior to reporting for duty. However, beards and whiskers (defined as facial hair other than sideburns or moustaches) may be worn if there is a medical reason which temporarily prevents shaving. In such cases approval from a medical officer must be obtained. During the period that a member has been given approval not to shave, the resulting growth of hair is to be kept short and neatly trimmed.

Females

86. Hair. Hair is to be conservative in style, and neatly groomed at all times. Radical styles such as stepped haircuts or perms and styles which have an uncombed appearance are not permitted to be worn by personnel in uniform. The hair is not to sit or sweep across the shoulders and is to be above the rear lower level of the buttoned collar. Long hair is to be tied back in a bun or worn in a single braid or plait, pinned against the rear of the head and not extended below the bottom of the collar. The bulk of hair is not to interfere with the correct wearing of Service head-dress or protective equipment. The acceptability of hair styles is based on neatness, cleanliness and general appearance when wearing uniform. In an operational environment, if long hair poses any form of hazard or prevents the correct wearing of combat clothing or accoutrements, members are to reduce the length of their hair to allow for the correct wearing of all uniform items. Furthermore, the wearing of ponytails outside the immediate confines of an aircraft is prohibited.

87. Only natural tones of artificial hair colours, including streaking is allowed. Heavy mesh nets or an excessive number of hair pins are not permitted when in uniform or on duty.

88. Wigs. Wigs and hairpieces are not to be worn by members in uniform, except when approved for medical reasons or when used to cover baldness or disfigurements. When worn, wigs are to comply with the requirements of local safety orders and instructions.

89. Hair Combs. A member in uniform may wear up to two hair combs in her hair, provided the combs are a plain design, transparent, black, brown or tortoiseshell in colour and no more than 80 mm in length.

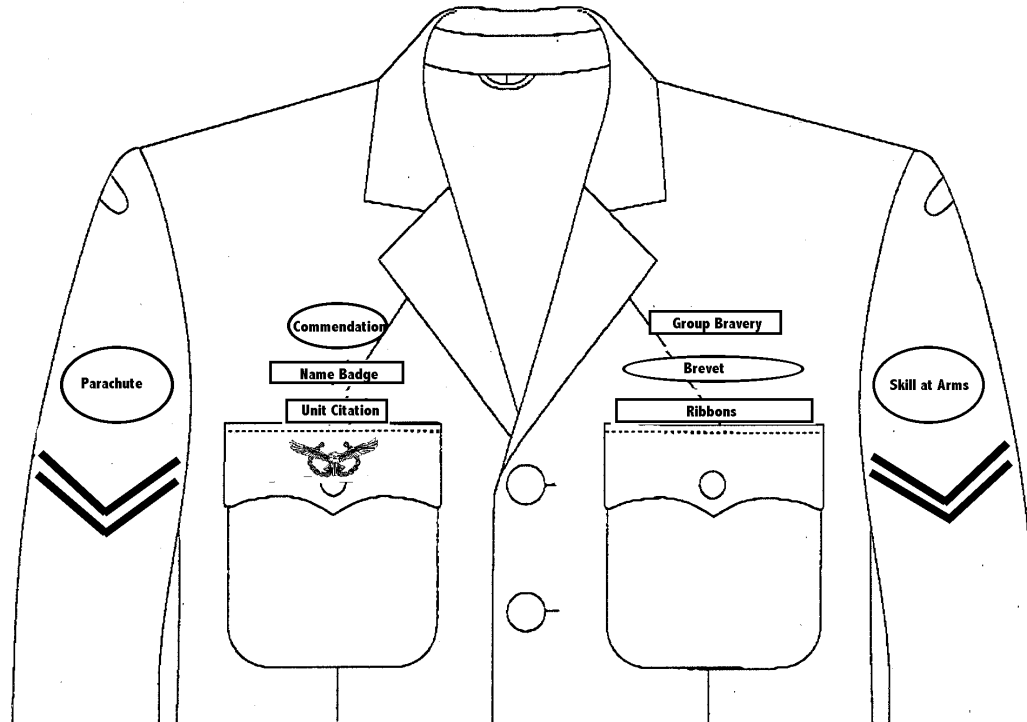
90. Cosmetics. A female member, when in uniform, may wear make-up, including lipstick and nail polish, provided it is conservative and applied in moderation appropriate to the uniform and the military environment. Nail polish that becomes worn or chipped must be removed or replaced.

Annexes:

- A. Service Dress No 1A Tunic - Diagram of Embellishments
- B. Service Dress Shirt - Diagram of Embellishments
- C. Service Dress Female Blue/White Dress - Diagram of Embellishments
- D. Mess Dress 5A - Diagram of Embellishments
- E. Combined Working Dress No 7 - Diagram of Embellishments
- F. Utility Jacket - Diagram of Embellishments
- G. Flying Dress No 15 - Diagram of Embellishments
- H. Mess Dress Tropical - Diagram of Embellishments

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SERVICE DRESS NO 1A TUNIC - DIAGRAM OF EMBELLISHMENTS

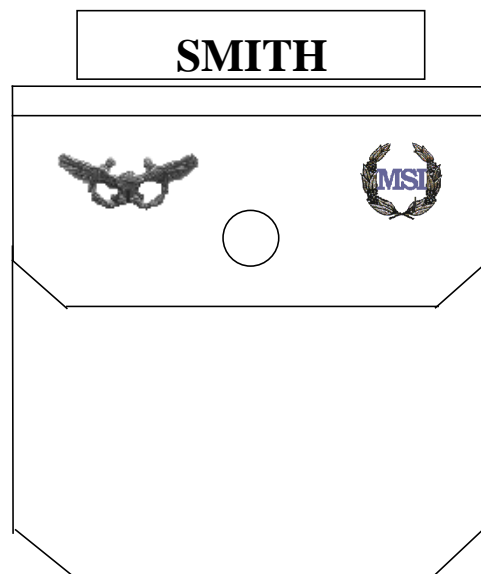


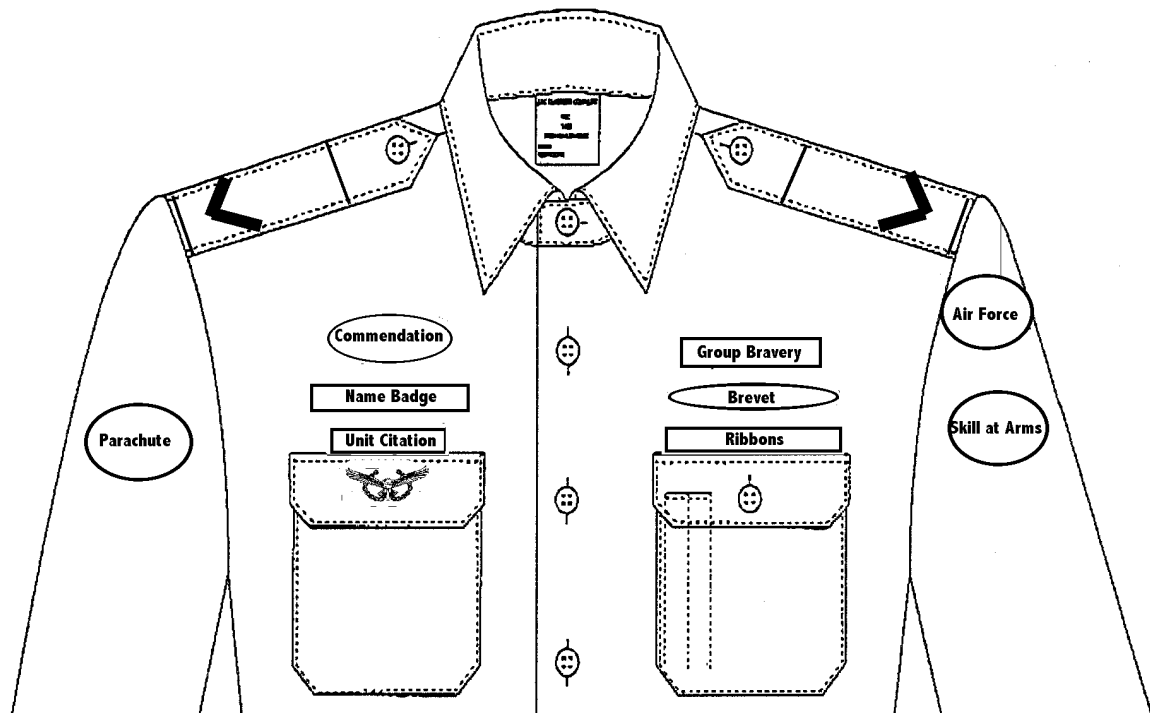
- Parachute Badge – Worn centrally on the upper right sleeve, 8 cm from the shoulder seam to the top of the parachute canopy.
- Individual Readiness Badge – Worn centrally on the right breast pocket flap, midway between the pocket flap button and the top seam of the pocket.
- Name Badge – Worn centrally above the right breast pocket, with the bottom of the badge positioned on the upper pocket seam. If the wearer is entitled to wear a Unit Citation, the name badge is worn centrally 3 mm above the citation.
- Unit Citation – Worn centrally above the right breast pocket, with the bottom of the citation positioned on the upper pocket seam.
- Commendation Badge – Worn centrally 3 mm above the name badge.
- Skill at Arms – Worn centrally on the upper left sleeve, 8 cm from the shoulder seam to the top of the image.
- Orders, Decorations and Medals – Ribbons of orders, decorations and medals are worn centrally above the left breast pocket, with the bottom of the ribbon positioned on the upper pocket seam. Medals of orders and decorations (ceremonial dress) are worn centrally over the left breast pocket, affixed to the garment so that the upper ribbon of the medal is in a corresponding position to that of the ribbon insignia.
- Brevet – Worn centrally above the left breast pocket, with the bottom of the brevet positioned on the upper pocket seam. If the wearer is entitled to wear ribbons of orders, decorations and medals, the brevet is worn centrally 3 mm above the orders, decorations or medals.

- Group Citation for Bravery – Worn by entitled members centrally above the left breast pocket, with the bottom of the ribbon positioned on the upper pocket seam. If the wearer is entitled to wear a brevet, the award is worn centrally 3 mm above the brevet. If the wearer is entitled to wear orders, decorations or medals, the award is worn centrally 3 mm above the orders, decorations or medals.

Additional Emblems

- Australian National Flag – Worn by all members serving with UN forces overseas. Worn on the upper left sleeve of all outer garments, including Flying Dress and CWD, 2 cm below the shoulder seam.
- Military Skills Instructor badge – Worn by all qualified MSIs. Worn on the pocket flap of the right breast pocket and is to be positioned to the left and above the pocket button. There is to be an equal spacing between the MSI and the Individual readiness badge and the sides of the pocket flap.



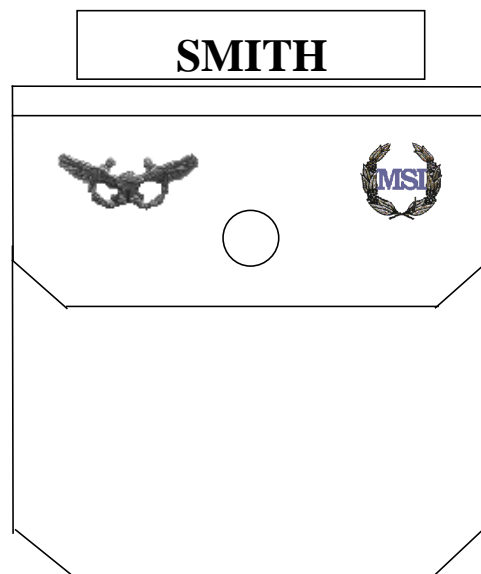
SERVICE DRESS SHIRT - DIAGRAM OF EMBELLISHMENTS**MALE/FEMALE LONG SLEEVE/SHORT SLEEVE**

- Parachute Badge – Worn centrally on the upper right sleeve, 8 cm from the shoulder seam to the top of the parachute canopy.
- Individual Readiness Badge – Worn centrally on the right breast pocket flap, midway between the pocket flap button and the top seam of the pocket.
- Name Badge – Worn centrally above the right breast pocket, with the bottom of the badge positioned on the upper pocket seam. If the wearer is entitled to wear a Unit Citation, the name badge is worn centrally 3 mm above the citation.
- Unit Citation – Worn centrally above the right breast pocket, with the bottom of the citation positioned on the upper pocket seam.
- Commendation Badge – Worn centrally 3 mm above the name badge.
- Air Force Patch – Worn centrally on the upper left sleeve 1 cm from the shoulder seam to the top of the patch.
- Skill at Arms – Worn centrally on the upper left sleeve, 8 cm from the shoulder seam to the top of the image.
- Orders, Decorations and Medals – Ribbons of orders, decorations and medals are worn centrally above the left breast pocket, with the bottom of the ribbon positioned on the upper pocket seam. Medals of orders and decorations (ceremonial dress) are worn centrally over the left breast pocket, affixed to the garment so that the upper ribbon of the medal is in a corresponding position to that of the ribbon insignia.
- Brevet – Worn centrally above the left breast pocket, with the bottom of the brevet positioned on the upper pocket seam. If the wearer is entitled to wear ribbons of orders, decorations and medals, the brevet is worn centrally 3 mm above the orders, decorations or medals.

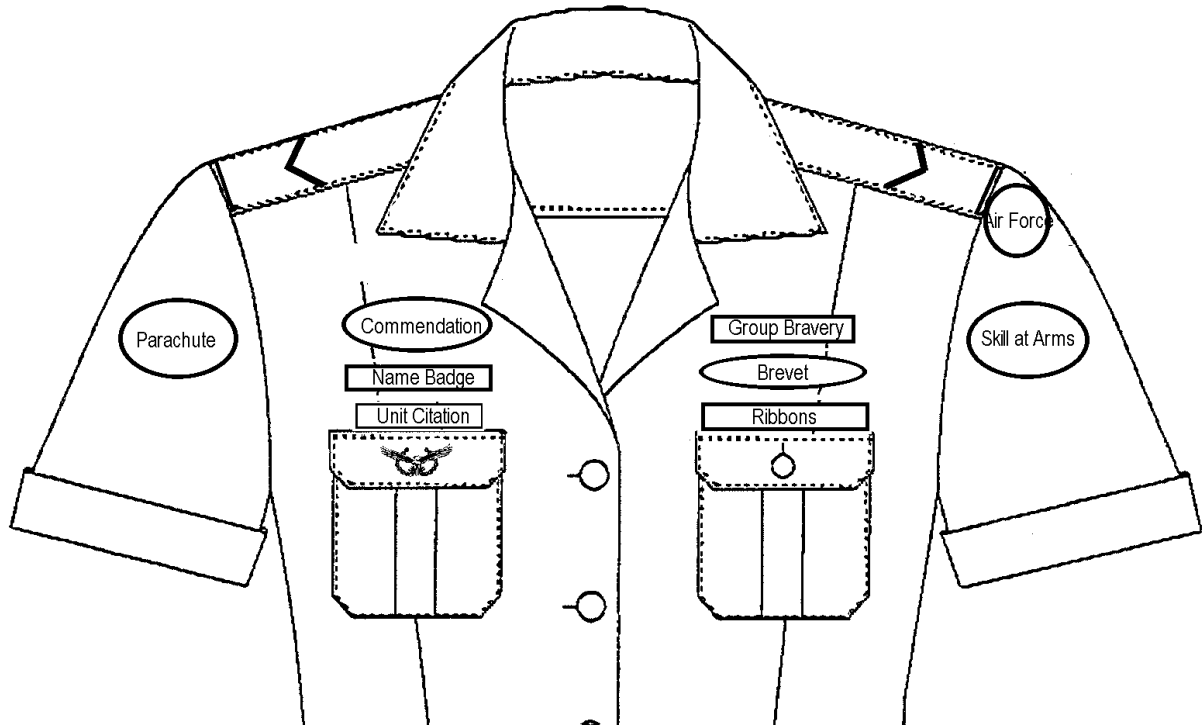
- Group Citation for Bravery – Worn by entitled members centrally above the left breast pocket, with the bottom of the ribbon positioned on the upper pocket seam. If the wearer is entitled to wear a brevet, the award is worn centrally 3 mm above the brevet. If the wearer is entitled to wear orders, decorations or medals, the award is worn centrally 3 mm above the orders, decorations or medals.

Additional Emblems

- Australian National Flag – Worn by all members serving with UN forces overseas. Worn on the upper left sleeve of all outer garments, including Flying Dress and CWD, 2 cm below the shoulder seam.
- Military Skills Instructor badge – Worn by all qualified MSIs. Worn on the pocket flat of the right breast pocket and is to be positioned to the left and above the pocket button. There is to be an equal spacing between the MSI and the individual readiness badge and the sides of the pocket flap.



SERVICE DRESS FEMALE BLUE/WHITE DRESS - DIAGRAM OF EMBELLISHMENTS

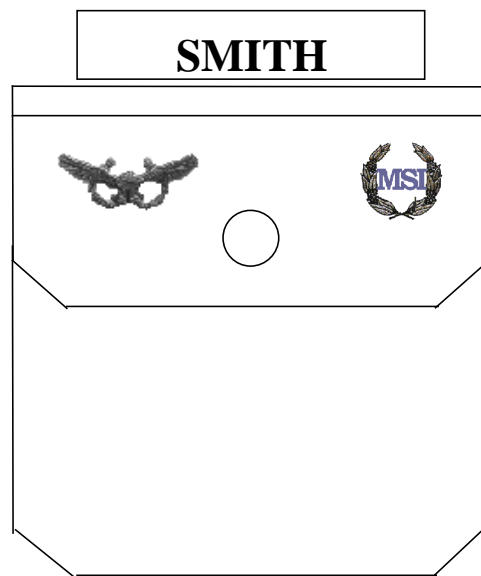


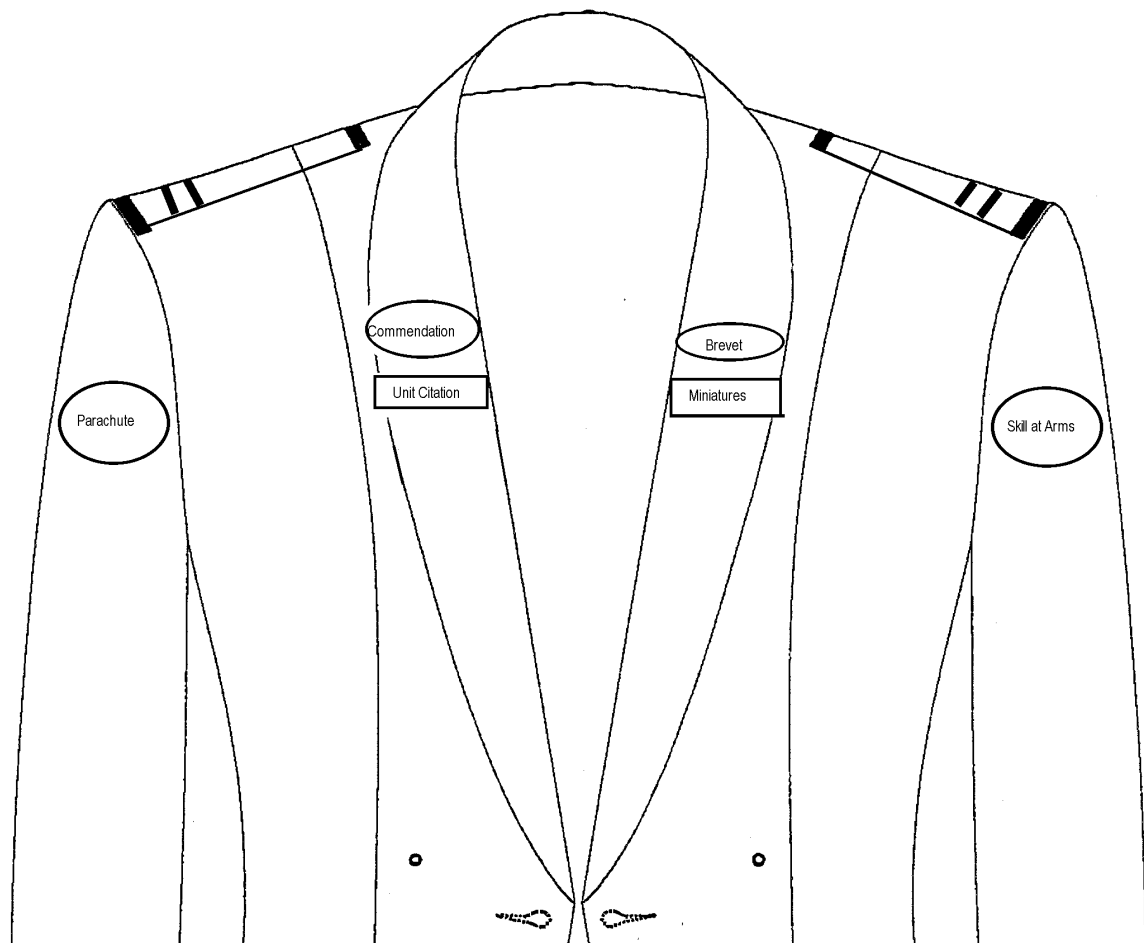
- Parachute Badge – Worn centrally on the upper right sleeve, 8 cm from the shoulder seam to the top of the parachute canopy.
- Individual Readiness Badge – Worn centrally on the right breast pocket flap, midway between the pocket flap button and the top seam of the pocket.
- Name Badge – Worn centrally above the right breast pocket, with the bottom of the badge positioned on the upper pocket seam. If the wearer is entitled to wear a Unit Citation, the name badge is worn centrally 3 mm above the citation.
- Unit Citation – Worn centrally above the right breast pocket, with the bottom of the citation positioned on the upper pocket seam.
- Commendation Badge – Worn centrally 3 mm above the name badge.
- Air Force Patch – Worn centrally on the upper left sleeve 1 cm from the shoulder seam to the top of the patch.
- Skill at Arms – Worn centrally on the upper left sleeve, 8 cm from the shoulder seam to the top of the image.
- Orders, Decorations and Medals – Ribbons of orders, decorations and medals are worn centrally above the left breast pocket, with the bottom of the ribbon positioned on the upper pocket seam. Medals of orders and decorations (ceremonial dress) are worn centrally over the left breast pocket, affixed to the garment so that the upper ribbon of the medal is in a corresponding position to that of the ribbon insignia.
- Brevet – Worn centrally above the left breast pocket, with the bottom of the brevet positioned on the upper pocket seam. If the wearer is entitled to wear ribbons of orders, decorations and medals, the brevet is worn centrally 3 mm above the orders, decorations or medals.

- Group Citation for Bravery – Worn by entitled members centrally above the left breast pocket, with the bottom of the ribbon positioned on the upper pocket seam. If the wearer is entitled to wear a brevet, the award is worn centrally 3 mm above the brevet. If the wearer is entitled to wear orders, decorations or medals, the award is worn centrally 3 mm above the orders, decorations or medals.

Additional Emblems

- Australian National Flag – Worn by all members serving with UN forces overseas. Worn on the upper left sleeve of all outer garments, including Flying Dress and CWD.
- Military Skills Instructor badge – Worn by all qualified MSIs. Worn on the pocket flap of the right breast pocket and is to be positioned to the left and above the pocket button. There is to be an equal spacing between the MSI and the Individual readiness badge and the sides of the pocket flap.



MESS DRESS 5A - DIAGRAM OF EMBELLISHMENTS

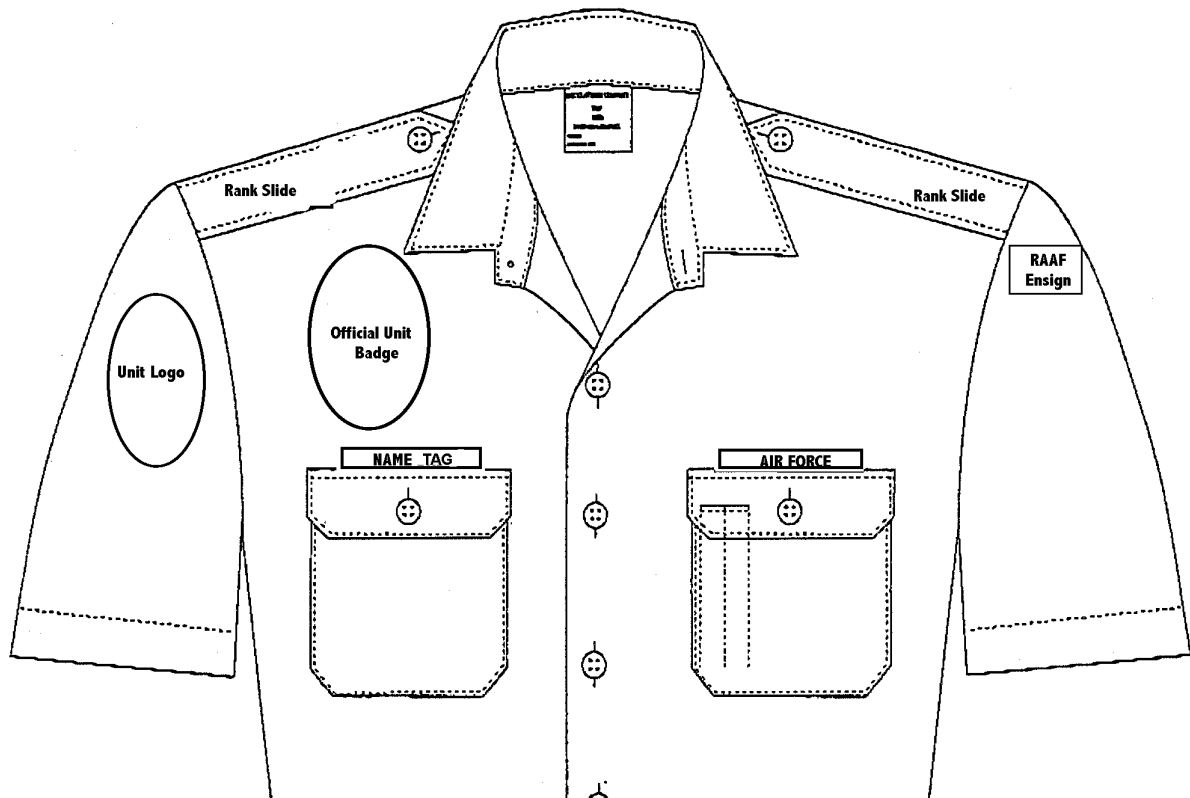
- Parachute Badge Gold Bullion – Worn centrally on the upper right sleeve, 8 cm from the shoulder seam to the top of the parachute canopy.
- Unit Citation(Miniature) – Worn on the right lapel positioned centrally 8 cm below the point of the lapel.
- Commendation Badge (Miniature) – Worn centrally immediately above the unit citation.
- Skill at Arms Gold Bullion – Worn centrally on the upper left sleeve, 8 cm from the shoulder seam to the top of the image.
- Orders, Decorations and Medals – Miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are positioned centrally 8 cm below the point of the lapel. For females they are to be positioned 17cm below the forward edge of the epaulette.
- Miniature Gold Bullion Brevet – Worn centrally 2.5 cm below the point of the lapel, above any insignia, orders or decorations. If the wearer is entitled to wear miniatures of orders, decorations or medals, the miniatures are worn centrally 3 mm below the brevet.
- Group Citation for Bravery – Worn by entitled members centrally on the left lapel, 2.5 cm below the point of the lapel. If the wearer is entitled to wear a brevet, the award is worn centrally 3 mm above the brevet. If the wearer is entitled to wear miniatures of orders, decorations or medals, the award is worn centrally 3 mm above the miniatures.

- Eagle and Crown Badge (FSGT – SGT) – Worn on the collars of the Mess Jacket, positioned centrally between the inner and outer edges of the lapel, with the bottom of each badge 2.5 cm above the inner end of the step of the lapel; the outstretched wings of the badge placed horizontally on the lapel.

Additional Emblem

- Australian National Flag – Worn by all members serving with UN forces overseas. Worn on the upper left sleeve of all outer garments, including Flying Dress and CWD, 2 cm below the shoulder seam.

COMBINED WORKING DRESS NO 7 - DIAGRAM OF EMBELLISHMENTS



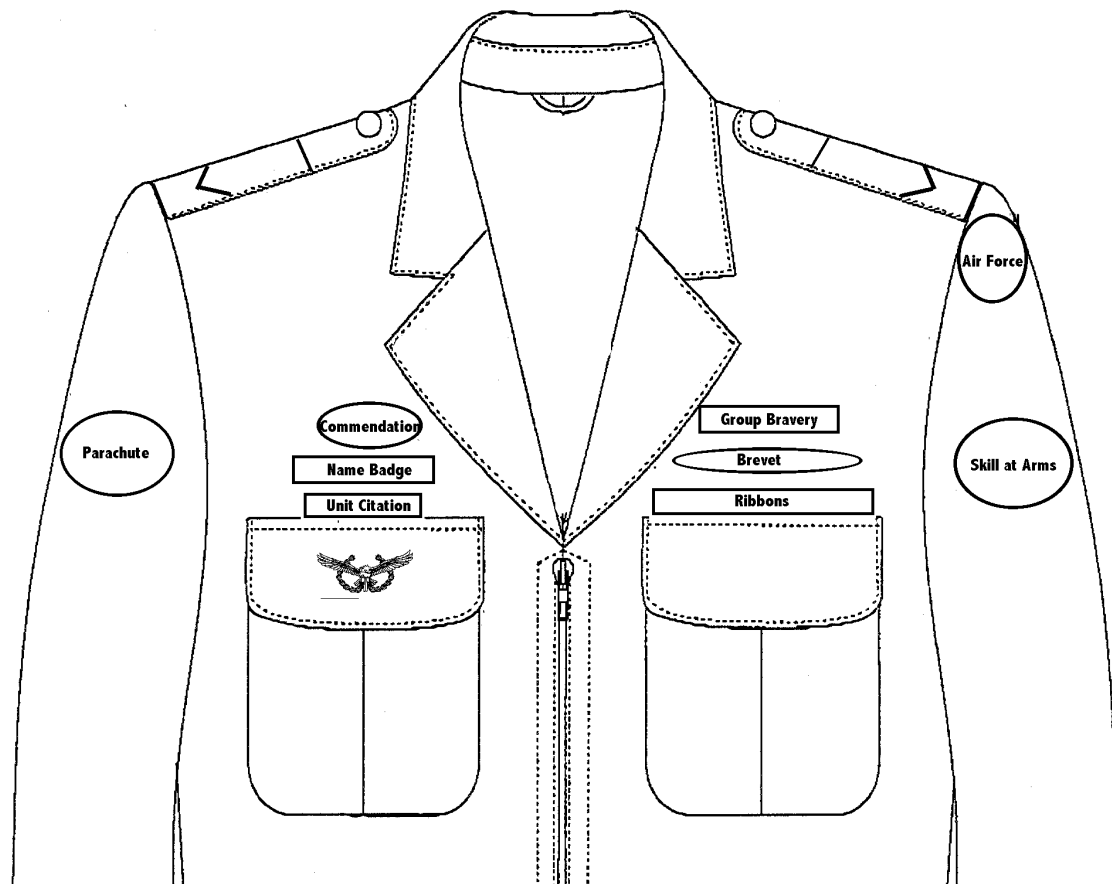
- Name Tag Cloth – Worn centrally above the right breast pocket, with the bottom of the patch positioned on the upper pocket seam.
- Official Unit Badge – Positioned centrally on the chest area, 3 mm above the name tag.
- Unit Logo – Worn centrally on upper right sleeve, 2 cm below the shoulder seam to the top of the badge.
- Air Force Tag Cloth – Worn centrally above the left breast pocket, with the bottom of the patch positioned on the upper pocket seam.
- RAAF Ensign Patch – Worn centrally on the upper left sleeve, 2 cm below the shoulder seam to the top of the badge.

Additional Emblem

- Australian National Flag – Worn by all members on overseas deployment. Worn on the upper left sleeve of all outer garments, including Flying Dress and CWD, 2 cm below the shoulder seam.

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UTILITY JACKET - DIAGRAM OF EMBELLISHMENTS

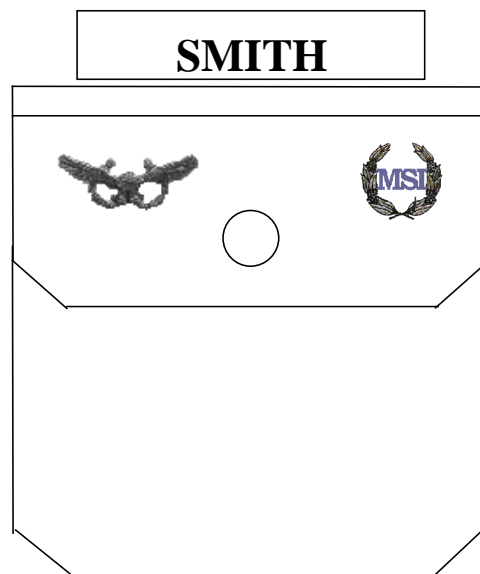


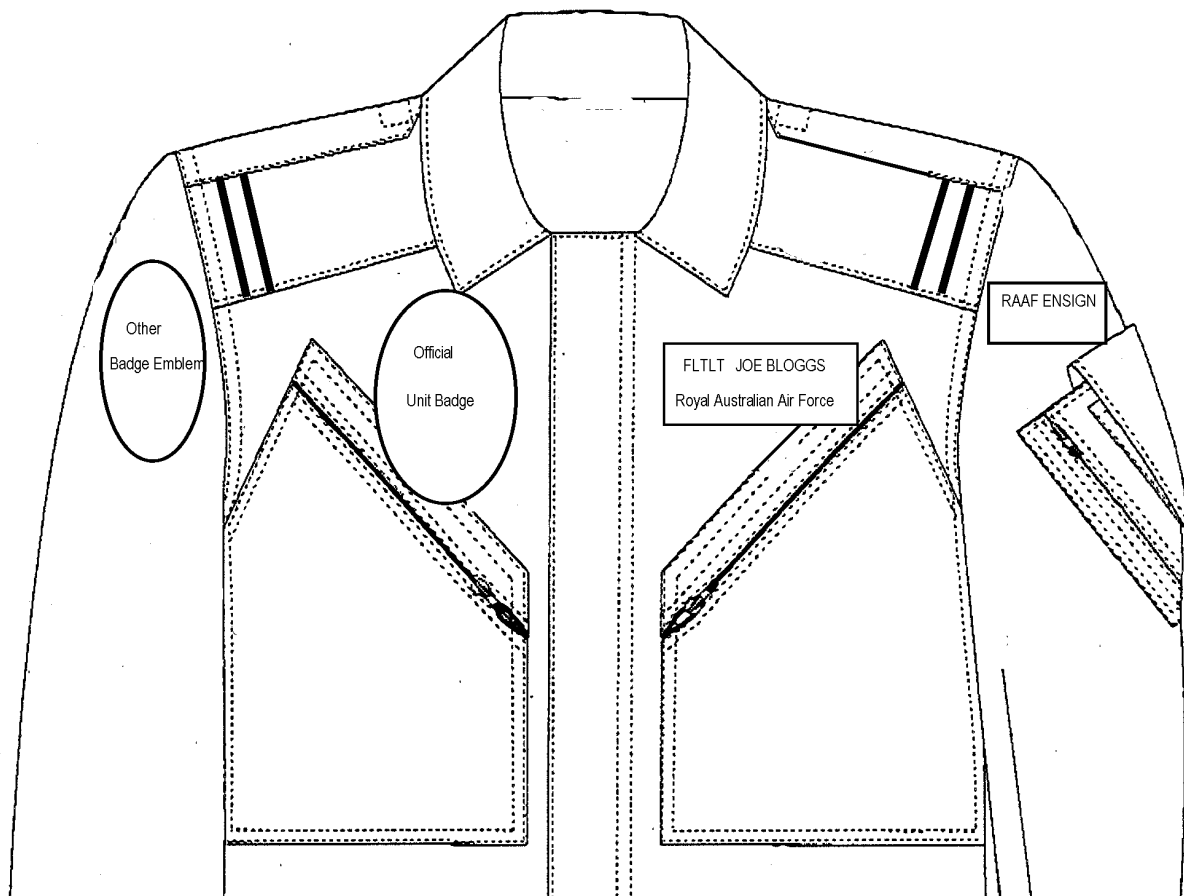
- Parachute Badge – Worn centrally on the upper right sleeve, 8 cm from the shoulder seam to the top of the parachute canopy.
- Individual Readiness badge – Worn centrally on the right breast pocket flap, midway between the pocket flap button and the top seam of the pocket.
- Name Badge – Worn centrally above the right breast pocket, with the bottom of the badge positioned on the upper pocket seam. If the wearer is entitled to wear a Unit Citation, the name badge is worn centrally 3 mm above the citation.
- Unit Citation – Worn centrally above the right breast pocket, with the bottom of the citation positioned on the upper pocket seam.
- Commendation Badge – Worn centrally 3 mm above the name badge.
- Air Force Patch – Worn centrally on the upper left sleeve 2 cm from the shoulder seam to the top of the patch.
- Skill at Arms – Worn centrally on the upper left sleeve, 8 cm from the shoulder seam to the top of the image.
- Orders, Decorations and Medals – Ribbons of orders, decorations and medals are worn centrally above the left breast pocket, with the bottom of the ribbon positioned on the upper pocket seam. Medals of orders and decorations (ceremonial dress) are worn centrally over the left breast pocket, affixed to the garment so that the upper ribbon of the medal is in a corresponding position to that of the ribbon insignia.

- Brevet – Worn centrally above the left breast pocket, with the bottom of the brevet positioned on the upper pocket seam. If the wearer is entitled to wear ribbons of orders, decorations and medals, the brevet is worn centrally 3 mm above the orders, decorations or medals.
- Group Citation for Bravery – Worn by entitled members centrally above the left breast pocket, with the bottom of the ribbon positioned on the upper pocket seam. If the wearer is entitled to wear a brevet, the award is worn centrally 3 mm above the brevet. If the wearer is entitled to wear orders, decorations or medals, the award is worn centrally 3 mm above the orders, decorations or medals.

Additional Emblems

- Australian National Flag – Worn by all members serving with UN forces overseas. Worn on the upper left sleeve of all outer garments, including Flying Dress and CWD, 2 cm below the shoulder seam to the top of the patch.
- Military Skills Instructor badge – Worn by all qualified MSIs. Worn on the pocket flap of the right breast pocket and is to be positioned to the left and above the pocket button. There is to be an equal spacing between the MSI and the Individual readiness badge and the sides of the pocket flap.



FLYING DRESS NO 15 - DIAGRAM OF EMBELLISHMENTS

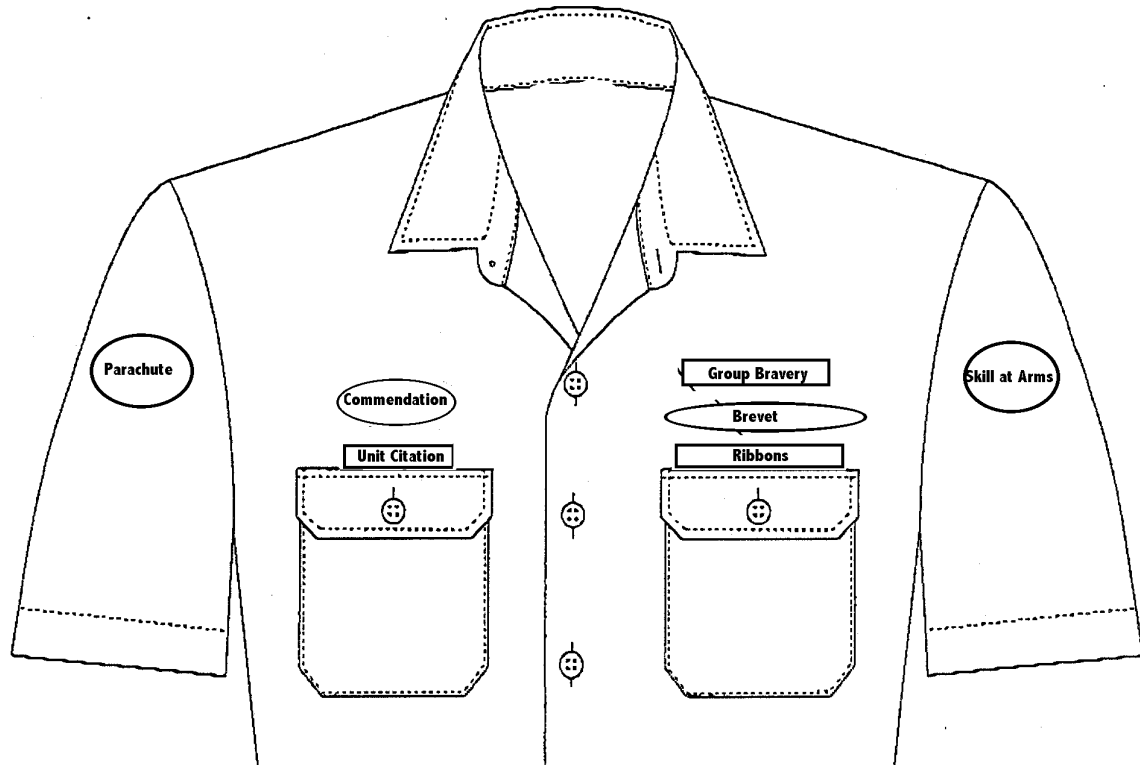
- Unit Logo – Positioned centrally on upper right sleeve, 2 cm below the shoulder seam to the top of the badge.
- Course/Flying Badge Logo - Positioned centrally on upper right sleeve, 2 cm below the shoulder seam to the top of the badge. This logo may be worn by aircrew in lieu of the approved unit logo.
- Official Unit Badge – Positioned centrally on the chest area, centrally immediately above the pocket area.
- Name Tag – The name tag comprises a khaki background tag with surname (first name may be included), brevet insignia and 'Royal Australian Air Force' printed or embroidered, positioned immediately above the left breast pocket.
- RAAF Ensign Patch – Worn centrally on the upper left sleeve, 2 cm below the shoulder seam to the top of the badge.
- Australian National Flag Patch - Worn centrally on the upper left sleeve, 2 cm below the shoulder seam to the top of the badge. Worn by personnel on overseas deployments.

Additional Items of Dress

- Flying Jacket – All embellishments worn on the flying jacket are to be placed in the same relative positions as shown for flying dress.

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MESS DRESS TROPICAL DRESS - DIAGRAM OF EMBELLISHMENTS



- Parachute Badge – Worn centrally on the upper right sleeve, 8 cm from the shoulder seam to the top of the parachute canopy.
- Unit Citation – Worn centrally above the right breast pocket, with the bottom of the citation positioned on the upper pocket seam.
- Commendation Badge – Worn centrally above the right breast pocket, with the bottom of the citation positioned on the upper pocket seam. When worn with a unit citation, the commendation badge is positioned centrally 3 mm above the unit citation.
- Skill at Arms – Worn centrally on the upper left sleeve, 8 cm from the shoulder seam to the top of the image.
- Orders, Decorations and Medals – Ribbons of orders, decorations and medals are worn centrally above the left breast pocket, with the bottom of the ribbon positioned on the upper pocket seam.
- Brevet – Worn centrally above the left breast pocket, with the bottom of the brevet positioned on the upper pocket seam. If the wearer is entitled to wear ribbons of orders, decorations and medals, the brevet is worn centrally 3 mm above the orders, decorations or medals.
- Group Citation for Bravery – Worn by entitled members centrally above the left breast pocket, with the bottom of the ribbon positioned on the upper pocket seam. If the wearer is entitled to wear a brevet, the award is worn centrally 3 mm above the brevet. If the wearer is entitled to wear orders, decorations or medals, the award is worn centrally 3 mm above the orders, decorations or medals.

Additional Emblems

- Australian National Flag – Worn by all members serving with UN forces overseas. Worn on the upper left sleeve of all outer garments, including Flying Dress and CWD, 2 cm below the shoulder seam.
- Military Skills Instructor badge – Worn by all qualified MSIs. Worn on the pocket flat of the right breast pocket and is to be positioned to the left and above the pocket button.

